

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple dependencies. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

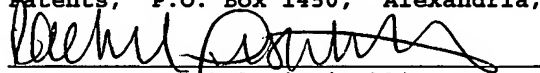
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